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Petition for Extension of Time

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 27, 2004, said period of response being extended from April 27, 2004 to July 27, 2004.

In view of the previously filed Petition for Extension of Time filed on May 11, 2004, and the extension fee amount of \$55.00 paid on May 11, 2004, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$420.00, to cover the remaining required extension fee for a small entity.

> Respectfully submitted, MERCHANT & GOULD P.C. P.O. Box 2903 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0903 (612) 332-5300

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